

UNIONS! MAKE REGISTRATION OF MEMBERSHIP YOUR No. 1 JOB! DEADLINE JUST FEW DAYS OFF! LET'S GET GOING! CHECK UP NOW

In order to vote in the combined presidential and state primary election Tuesday, May 16, you must have qualified as a registered voter within a few days from now. Thursday, April 6, is the LAST DAY you can register in order to vote in the crucial May 16 election.

Every citizen should consider it his sacred duty to register and to vote in all elections—no matter what his political viewpoint. But for the future of Organized Labor and progressive government in general, registration of unionists and their families is ABSOLUTELY VITAL! The inertia and indifference of the workers of

California in this respect is appalling. Registration totals in this state, which should be breaking all records, are, to date, actually hundreds of thousands less than in the last general election. Unless a whirlwind drive during the next few days changes this dangerous situation, there is every likelihood that reactionary, anti-labor political forces will completely control our Federal government.

War conditions have seriously affected the working-class vote. Millions are in the army, and Congress has sabotaged any effective plan to give these millions the

franchise. Millions of workers have been shifted around the country on war jobs, have not re-registered, and either don't know about or don't care about the use of their absentee ballot privileges.

IT IS UP TO THE LABOR UNIONS DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO DO THE JOB IN CALIFORNIA! Check every member. Impose a stiff fine for failure to register. Have your own deputy registrars at your offices, headquarters and meetings. Appoint telephone committees to call up the homes of your members and check to see if wives, husbands and relatives

are registered. There are thousands of union offices and headquarters in California, and if all of them make this their NUMBER ONE JOB during the remaining days of the registration drive, the present gloomy political picture can be vastly brightened.

MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT: This registration drive is the most important thing now before Organized Labor. Don't pay any attention to the grovelers who complain that "Labor shouldn't be messing around in politics." If Labor doesn't get into politics with BOTH FEET and STAY THERE, it is going to take a poke on the chin it will never forget!



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LABOR TEMPLE REMODELING STARTED BY LABORERS 272 OF SALINAS; HALL LARGER

Remodeling of the old Salinas Labor Temple was started last week by a full union crew of carpenters, painters, laborers and other craftsmen, working under direction of the new Hall Association of Laborers Union 272, which has purchased the building.

Plans for the remodeling call for enlarging the meeting hall by extending it to the front of the building and all along the side. Seats are being built around the wall, a platform has been placed for presiding officers, and arrangements are progressing for extra seating if necessary to provide a hall large enough for at least 100 persons without crowding.

Laborers Union 272 has moved headquarters into the front office room, formerly occupied by Teamsters 287. Here the Laborers will have access to the closed-in waiting room at the extreme front of the hall. Little remodeling is necessary here.

JANITOR SERVICE

Plumbers Union 503 will have the rear offices, formerly used by Culinary Alliance 467. Remodeling of this section is under way but plans were not available at time of this writing.

The small room between the present Laborers and Plumbers offices will be converted into an executive board room, it was said, unless some other organization wishes an office here.

To provide adequate janitor and watchman service for the Labor Temple, the old living quarters will be restored in the building in the rear, formerly housing the offices of the Laborers.

NEW PAINT JOB

Disposal of the modern one-room office, built especially for Painters 1104 to conform to their needs prior to the removal of most union offices to the new Teamsters Hall, was not known this week, nor was final decision on the card room in the rear, although it was believed that the card room would be continued.

The entire building will be repainted inside, with a pleasing color scheme in the meeting halls and offices. Lighting fixtures will be installed to meet needs. The floors will be covered with linoleum. Plumbing fixtures will be installed as needed.

To meet a growing problem in downtown Salinas, the union has opened its lot, adjoining the Labor Temple, and free parking will be provided for unionists as soon as the lot has been graded and filled.

The hall association included officers of Laborers 272, headed by President Randolph Fenchel, Secretary John Mattos, and Business Agent J. B. McGinley.

WHAT THE UNIONS REPORT

Monterey, California. Carpenters: Routine meeting, discussed proposition of donation to Voters League.

Laborers: Called meeting held with good attendance, discussed political situation and urged members to register and vote.

State Employees: Called meeting, one reinstatement, several initiations; voted to donate \$1 per member to Voters League and \$10 to Red Cross.

Warehousemen: Raising initiation fee to \$10 after April 1, voted \$1 per member to Voters League, urging members to give to Red Cross.

Substantial Hike For S. F. Carmen Granted by Board

San Francisco, Calif. Substantial wage increases for 2,000 employees of San Francisco's privately owned transit system, the Market Street Railway, have been found proper under the wage stabilization program and ordered into effect by the Tenth Regional War Labor Board.

The Board ordered an increase of 9½ cents an hour for electric car motormen, conductors and cable-car platform men, bringing the top rate up to 92½ cents an hour.

The order grants an hourly wage increase of 7½ cents to trolley-coach and bus operators, establishing a top of 97½ cents after 18 months experience.

Industry members of the tripartite Regional War Labor Board dissented from the wage awards. The new rates establish wage parity between the private utility and the municipal railway for operating employees.

"Little People" Not War Bond Slackers

Charges that "little people" are not loyally responding to the government's loan bond drives were disproved by a Treasury report, showing that the \$14,000,000,000 goal of the recent campaign was exceeded by \$2,730,000,000.

More than \$3,000,000,000 of "E" bonds were purchased by individuals—more than their quota—the report said.

The excerpts are printed here for edification of our readers: "I'll tell you what most of the fellows think of the unions. They don't think you fellows are slackers for fighting for what is right. If you fellows at home don't keep up the working conditions for us, we are going to be in a hell of a fix when we get back. We have to earn a living when we get back and we can't do anything here to keep up our working conditions, so we are depending on you men at home to do it for us. Most of the men in our outfit are union men. We are all building mechanics and damned good ones, too, if I do say so. I don't think there is anything we can't build—at least we haven't found it yet."

"How is the work holding out? I suppose it is slackening up now. I hear the shipyards are laying off men. I'm not even going to look for a job for awhile after I get home. I'm going to take a vacation and go fishing..."

The above is from a letter addressed to H. A. Sawyer of Watsonville. The writer can be addressed as follows: H. M. Shanks, C. M. 1/c; 81st Batt., Co. D.; c/o Fleet Postoffice, New York City.

All Builders About Salinas Continue Busy

With new jobs, some small and some larger, opening almost daily in the Salinas area, building tradesmen in the area are continuing to find ample employment, reports J. B. McGinley, business agent of Laborers 272.

Some of the new work includes: Construction of a Mexican labor camp, near Hollister, for Spreckels Sugar Co., by Pacific Building Co., with Don McAnaney in charge of the work.

Three new barracks, new hangar and laundry, at the naval "blimp base" near Watsonville, with Lou Geyer as contractor.

Machine shop construction, Hollister air base, Lou Geyer, contractor, nearing completion.

Concrete pouring for taxi strips and warm-up strips at Salinas air base resumed again, following lay-off due to rain.

The best way to be contented with your lot is to build a house on it.

New Tax Chief



The man who'll take your income tax this year is Joseph Perry, newly appointed tax chief. Before receiving his present post, Perry was collector of internal revenue for Brooklyn, N. Y. (Federated Pictures)

ALONG CANNERY ROW (AFL Fish Cannery Workers)

The Fish Cannery Workers Union officers are puzzled—yep, puzzled at the War Labor Board's opinion in a recent case regarding night work differential for fish cannery crews. It seems that the War Labor Board decided that where workers work either day or night, depending on when the fish arrives, they must get straight time, but where the workers work for a specified interval on a day shift, then work on a night shift for an interval, a night pay differential is possible.

The big bugaboo is that the War Labor Board apparently decided that the regularity in changing from day to night shift means disrupting family and home life, and thus those working at night should get more. What we'd like to know is: How about the disrupting of home life where the worker doesn't know until fish are in, whether he works in the daytime or at night—he's gotta be at home all day waiting for the call to work, maybe that means regularity in home life! You explain it!

The adjustment board meeting last Wednesday was a pip. The union brought up a number of reported violations of the working agreement for consideration and then broached the subject of day and night shift pay differentials for engineers.

The board went on record as favoring an adjustment in the engineering pay for the night shift. If there is no objection from the War Labor Board, the union doesn't fear the War Labor Board's ruling, however.

Our case regarding watchmen in various plants was finally turned over to the "seventh man" for his decision. The union officials are all keeping fingers crossed because their case seemed slightly less adequate to that prepared for the employers by their battery of lawyers. It's too bad we can't just talk matters over as man to man without having to face lawyers all the time.

Speaking of lawyers reminds us of the instructions the old attorney gave his young partner before the latter's first case: "If you don't know the law, stick to the facts; if you don't know the facts, stick to the law; and if you don't know either the law or facts, then abuse the other attorney!" Huh!!

We're waiting for fish, because the freezing and salting units being installed here are ready to go and the union is anxious to hand out a few new contracts to these newcomers. Also the summer pack crews are getting restless waiting for the jobs to start.

O. E. Dameron has finally finished with that tank—how he's concentrating on bonds and blondes! (So we're told!)

George Cowell missed some work last week due to his "tummy ache!"

John Mackay, night engineer at Custom House, is leaving us. He's sold out his place and is moving to San Diego. We're sorry to see him leave the Row.

Ralph Scanlon, engineer at Peninsula Pack, has gone to Southern California for two months—to some other job.

Gabe Bicknell and Louis Nonella are thinking of retiring from the life of cannery workers—they are talking of becoming specimen experts for a laboratory along the waterfront.

Joseph Perry and our president and business agent, Louis Marlin, are off for New Orleans and the International convention. Lou was not looking forward to the trip as he gets seasick on a train—despite his work at the water's edge here.

In Union Circles

Harry Rook, secretary of State Employees 420 of Salinas, is new delegate from that union to the Salinas labor council.

Labor Union Members—Do not sign any petitions regarding rights of employment. This petition is aimed at labor and will destroy the bargaining rights of unions.

Unions are asked to send in donations to the Youth Center canned fund at once. To date \$310 has been raised of the \$500 quota for labor, donors being Carpenters, \$100; Warehousemen, \$100; labor council, \$100, and Barbers, \$10. Send donations to Secretary W. G. Kenyon of the labor council.

George Harter sent his resignation last week from the labor council's legislative and Red Cross committees.

The Salinas labor council sent \$30 to the Red Cross this week, matching last year's donation.

Randolph Fenchel, president of Laborers 272, has been ill with a tummy ailment for some time. He's now chief inspector on the labor temple remodeling job, since he's unable to work otherwise.

MINUTES

Bldg. Trades Council

Meeting called to order by President Wm. Dickerson at 8:10 p.m. Roll call showed five Local unions represented.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. All bills were ordered paid.

Received a letter from Plumbers Local Union No. 62 giving instructions how to handle the Air Port sewer project. (Referred to Business manager.)

Received a letter from the California Department of Employment stating they would make the necessary corrections in the fourth quarter report of 1943. (File.)

Received a copy of the minutes from the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council (File.)

Received a report from the Wage Adjustment Board, U. S. Dept. of Labor covering the wage award to Laborers of seven districts in California. (File.)

Received from the Building and Construction Trades Dept. of the A. F. of L. enclosing a report from the Wage Adjustment Board dealing with the subject of Transportation and Subsidence for Building Trades Mechanics when working away from their home city. (File.)

From the Office of Price Administration a copy of the price list on fresh vegetables and fruits. (Post on board.)

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Gantner-Mattern Case Again Hits News; Court to Hear Libel Suit

San Francisco, Calif. The 3-year-old case of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union vs. Gantner & Mattern Co., knitwear manufacturers, is again in the public eye with announcement by the U. S. supreme court that the San Francisco superior court has jurisdiction to hear the \$1,750,000 libel suit brought by the company against the union in 1941.

The suit arose from a strike of Building Service Employees International Union (AFL) against the company in 1940. ILGWU members refused to pass the picket line and were refused re-employment when the strike was over. Gantner & Mattern claimed that literature distributed by the ILGWU pickets who ever since have patrolled the plant was libelous.

The supreme court ruling upholds a 1943 decision of Judge Elmer E. Robinson that the union "has many characteristics of a large industrial business organization and therefore should be subjected to similar responsibilities. The ILGWU appealed this judgment, which was confirmed by the appellate court.

The union's claim was that the California courts could not hear the case because the union was a New York organization and that international officers, named in the libel suit, were not responsible for local leaflets.

The case is now remanded to the San Francisco courts.

Women Are Lauded For War Production

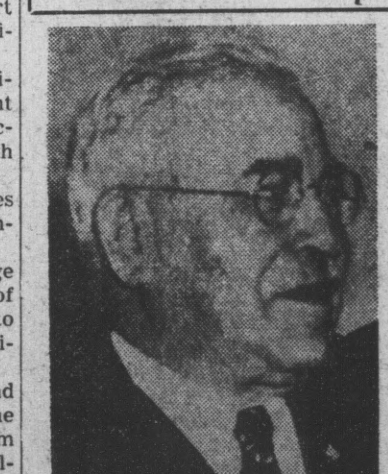
Credit for American aircraft production attaining a record of 9,000 planes a month was given women by Charles E. Wilson, executive vice-president of the War Production Board.

Theodore E. Quinn, director general of the war production drive, went farther and said he had no doubt "the United States would have to withdraw from the war if women stopped working now."

Missouri Solons Don't Like Big City Slicker

Jefferson City, Missouri. The constitutional convention's legislative committee voted down a proposal to enlarge the state assembly to provide more representatives for larger cities. Reapportionment is one of the major issues before the convention.

Poor Kids' Champ



Congress, which has its own subsidized restaurant, turned down a \$50,000,000 appropriation to provide lunches for undernourished school children in rural areas. In a scathing speech in the House, Rep. Adolph Sabath (D., Ill.) scored Republican opposition to the lunch program. (Federated Pictures)

Roosevelt Was Right! Tax Bill Lightens Load for 'Greed', Hits the 'Needy'

Washington, D. C.

Now that the smoke has cleared away over the "revolt" against FDR's veto of the tax bill, with newspapers cutting down their 21-gun salutes of approval, let's take a good look at what the House and Senate did to the lower-income groups—and to the higher ones—when they passed the final tax bill.

This table, comparing the rates paid under the previous tax law with those under the new bill that has gone into effect, shows what a married person with two dependents paid under the old law and will pay under the new one:

INCOME	TAX UNDER PREVIOUS LAW	TAX UNDER NEW LAW
\$1,200	\$19.86	\$21.28
1,500	29.19	31.28
1,800	38.53	41.28
2,000	57.75	66.95
2,500	171.69	190.99
3,000	290.74	314.16
4,000	532.22	563.86

Now look at what Congress did to the higher groups. For single taxpayers there are consistent decreases in taxes in all the upper brackets, ranging up to savings for "the greedy" of as much as \$15,000 a year. For comparative purposes the following figures are for married persons with two dependents:

INCOME	TAX UNDER PREVIOUS LAW	TAX UNDER NEW LAW
\$20,000	\$7,453.75	\$7,580.95
25,000	10,676.06	10,814.36
40,000	21,547.85	21,719.49

Not very large increases for the "big shots," when you consider the size of the income and what the taxpayer has left after all taxes are paid!

The new tax bill is even nicer to the really big fellows, the ones with annual incomes over the \$50,000 level. They actually get their taxes cut, not increased. Here's how it works:

INCOME	TAX UNDER PREVIOUS LAW	TAX UNDER NEW LAW
\$60,000	\$38,088.63	\$38,051.78
80,000	56,283.99	55,802.70
100,000	75,738.24	74,812.49

Maybe this is what President Roosevelt meant when he called the new tax bill "relief not for the needy, but for the greedy," and what Philip Murray meant when he said the bill was "aimed at protecting and broadening special privileges."

It should also be remembered that the new bill raises only one-tenth the \$10 billion the President asked to help finance the war. This new bill, therefore, means that postwar generations will have to pay an undue share of the tax bill for this war—that should have been borne by those able to pay.

NAM TORIES BEHIND SNEAK MEASURE FOR SMASHING UNIONISM

San Francisco, California.

(CFLNL)—"By their fruits ye shall know them." This is precisely Labor's reaction to the information establishing the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association, headed by Paul Shoup as the initiator, main backer and commander-in-chief of the latest piece of treacherous planning to cripple our war effort in California by injecting another bone of contention that will side-track production and consume the energy of the home front in a fratricidal war through the so-called and outrageously misnamed "Right to Employment" petition.

It has been learned on good authority that the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association is financing the cost to circulate these petitions and is soliciting other employer organizations to back the campaign. That this move is one of a series to continue the "Hot Cargo" fight, for which these same elements were responsible, is also established by first-hand sources.

"JEKYLL & HYDE" While Mr. Shoup, in his capacity as member of the Tenth Regional War Labor Board, poses as a believer in harmonious labor relations, he has never given up his Mr. Hyde existence. This time the people of California—and that goes for every individual citizen, be he a wage-earner, shopkeeper or large employer—will have a chance to see behind the disguise of Doctor Jekyll the hideous features of Mr. Hyde in this latest mad and diabolical scheme to disrupt the unity of the people.

Encouraging reports reach us that many employers in California have expressed resentment at this latest trojan-horse maneuver. But this will not discourage the apostles of turmoil and despair as the plans to raise money for the campaign to enact this anti-victory measure are complete.

HAGGERTY CONTACTS UNIONS A letter informing the unions on what they are to do at once to counteract this nefarious campaign has been mailed by Secretary C. J. Haggerty of the California State Federation of Labor. If the unions carry out the suggestions in this letter and get busy at once, it is still possible that California may be spared another criminally wasteful and enervating struggle which can only serve the best interests of our Nazi enemies.

IF THIS IS A LOSS, WHAT IS A PROFIT? Federal bureaucrats are causing the oil companies to operate at a loss, complained Pres. Henry M. Dawes of Pure Oil Co. in reporting a 1943 profit of \$13,800,000, an increase over 1942.

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The Labor Editor Speaks

LABOR AND "FREE TRADE"

Power politicians who are grandiloquently urging the "removal of trade barriers" show little or no comprehension of what "free trade" would mean to American industry and agriculture. They call it internationalism, the era of good will, the good neighbor policy. In reality it cloaks economic imperialism.

Just as Henry Ford removed his tractor industry to Ireland, got cheap labor and imported tractors to the United States, American and British capitalists will use cheap labor wherever they find it and sell where they can. If our tariffs are not used to protect labor's wages, factories will close.

In Malaya the rubber cartel paid its labor from 10c to 20c a day and after the last war put the price of rubber up to \$1.25 a pound. There is already some talk of closing our synthetic rubber plants when (?) Malay and Indies rubber is controlled again by the cartel.

Our alcohol process is operating successfully, while the petroleum process is bogging down. Instead of subsidizing the farmers' wheat, let's make tires of it, and give them a good price. Then wheat farmers can buy the products of the factory, and not have the wheat price fixed in Liverpool as it has been in the past. The price of every product exported is fixed in a foreign market—unless, of course, the price is fixed by a monopoly or a cartel.

Let's build our home markets first!

WHAT IS FASCISM?

The "Fascismo" of Italy is a perversion of the political theory known as "syndicalism." That theory contemplated an economic or business government in which all human endeavor was to be classified into twelve categories, and that all owners, managers and workers should have a voice in the direction of the industry or syndicate. Mussolini was for years a syndicalist. Syndicalism is considered by most political scientists a type of socialism, and Mussolini was called, in his early public life, a socialist.

He organized his fascist party and advanced on Rome. His early followers were socialists, believing in the "syndicate" form of government in which the workers would have a large and, perhaps, the greater influence. Mussolini, however, on being promised power and wealth, betrayed his worker followers, and fascism became purely government by Big Business. A "grand council" of big business owners and managers made the laws and executed them.

No nation ruled by Big Business alone can long exist. Witness Germany and Italy!

STRIKES — AND "MIAMI"

Representatives and senators in Congress who speak for Big Business are usually the most vociferous in their denunciations of workers who "strike." A worker who puts in seventy or eighty hours a week for months gets so he "doesn't give a damn." A strike is just a vacation, a day in Miami. The rantings of millionaires like Senator Tydings and Representative Kleberg don't carry much weight with apple-pickers or farmhands—or any of the boys who are doing the best and biggest war job ever done in the history of the world.

In a recent issue Life Magazine did a real service by picturing the patriotism of the rich as they sport in Miami. Hotels there and in other popular resorts are jam-packed with tourists spending money lavishly. Parimutuel betting at Hialeah is at the rate of \$1 million on a single day. One night club takes in many thousands of dollars each night. A hundred thousand a day is bet at one dog-racing track. Tens of thousands of cars operate on black market gas. The bond-buying booths are empty.

And Congress "repealed" Roosevelt's restriction of net incomes to \$25,000!

BACK TO GOLD?

Alarmists are protesting the payment of the lend-lease balances due this country after the war. They say that the shipment to and sale of goods in this country will shut down our factories and start an industrial tailspin.

A realistic solution would be for Russia and the British empire to pay in gold. Both powers have almost unlimited gold in mines, active and undeveloped. The U. S. Treasury could then redeem bonds in gold, and a few of us might have the touch of Midas!

LET 'EM STARVE!

A magazine of national importance, devoted to the interest of business and finance, predicts heavy unemployment after the war. It also says that what now seems to be a "food shortage" will probably result in a surplus, because the unemployed will not have money enough to buy the food. It's the old story of twentieth century capitalism—starvation in the midst of potential plenty.

Liberals Battle In Congress for Funds to Protect Welfare Agencies

Washington, D. C.

Rep. John Taber's (R. N.Y.) budget hatchet is being blunted against the determination of win-the-war congressmen to protect vital war agencies.

Saved from the Republicans' politics-inspired economy drive in two successive days of debate on the deficiency appropriation bill were the government's child care and housing programs. Taber's motion to slash the child care center appropriation from \$127,500,000 to \$68,690,000 was defeated 64 to 59 March 9 after women members of the House took a firm stand for adequate child care.

By an even narrower margin March 10 Taber's proposal to dump the National Housing Administration's \$7,500,000 war housing program was defeated on a 81 to 78 teller vote.

The child care appropriation had already been pared down in the appropriations committee from an original request for \$150,000,000 to \$127,500,000.

Why, Tom!

Tom M. Girdler, steel magnate, who once proclaimed he'd rather "go back on the farm and dig potatoes" than deal with organized labor, has apparently discovered unions aren't quite the bogies he pictured them to be.

In fact, last week Girdler boasted in large "ads" in the daily newspapers that two of his plants have the best production records in the nation—and they are both unionized under the banner of the International Association of Machinists.

'Freedom from Want' Still A Dream for Nation

Income figures just released by the U. S. Department of Commerce show that freedom from want is still only a dream for the average family. They have more money now than before the war—but barely enough for their needs, and no backlog.

In spite of increased incomes, two-thirds of the nation's families had incomes of less than \$3,000 last year. The minimum wartime budget, to provide food and clothing and pay rent, taxes and doctor bills for a family of four in 1943, was \$2,991, according to economists.



"That's right," vociferated Mr. Dilworth. "Gov. Dewey is entirely correct in his demands."

"Who's demanding that Dewey be corrected now, Pop?" asked Little Luther.

"I didn't say that, Luther," explained his father. "I said that Gov. Dewey, himself, is correct."

"Oh, you mean that he's telling the truth? Is that so unusual?"

"No, of course not. I just meant that this time he emphatically knows what he's talking about."

"No wonder you're excited. What did he say?"

"He said that we should not impose harsh peace terms on Germany after the war. He said that the peace must be the constant daily beneficiary of the labors of men of good will, striving to make it work and sacrificing to make it endure." What do you think of that?"

"Sounds bad for the United Nations."

"Don't be a smart alec. We have to think ahead nowdays."

"You've got to HAVE a head first."

"Mr. Dewey realizes that a strong Germany is necessary to a stable postwar Europe."

"Hitler has already made a stable out of it."

"No, no. I mean a strong Germany will be necessary to maintain order."

"The New Order, Pop?"

"No, just order. Law and order. After all, Russia will emerge the most powerful nation in Europe. We must find some way of protecting the rest of Europe from her."

"That's what Hitler says."

"Well, there's some truth in it, my boy. We can't let Russia overrun all of Europe. She must be stopped somewhere."

"You'd better hurry. I understand that Russian soldiers don't even stop to rest."

"Oh, you've been listening to red propaganda. Those stories are always exaggerated. The Russians are not such good fighters."

"Try to tell the Nazis that."

"Well, the Nazis are prejudiced. They've been up against some tough situations lately."

"Yeah, the kind of situation where the Russians are coming head-on, the roads are blocked, the railways aren't running, food is giving out, ammunition is low—and Hitler is shouting to hold on for the glory of the Fatherland. It certainly is tough."

"It's that kind of situation that makes a person think."

"Anyway, it made Dewey think of a strong postwar Germany, didn't it, Pop? Good night."

THE MARCH OF LABOR



AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS INCLUDING OVERTIME FOR ALL MANUFACTURING PLANTS ARE \$43.43 ACCORDING TO THE U. S. BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS.

FOREIGN LABOR USED IN GERMANY NOW CONSTITUTES MORE THAN 1/3 OF NAZI HOME-FRONT MANPOWER.

THE A. F. of L. COMMITTEE ON POST-WAR PLANNING WARNS THAT TWENTY MILLION UNEMPLOYED MAY RESULT FROM OUR PRESENT FAILURE TO MAKE POST-WAR ECONOMIC POLICIES.

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THE BLACK RECORD OF GERMAN—PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE, by Lord Vansittart, with Foreword by Lord R. Mervyn. Published in Popular 25c Edition by the New Avon Library, 432 Fourth Avenue, New York City. On sale on newsstands.

What has come to be known as "Vansittartism" is becoming more and more a storm center of controversy. Critics of the author are divided roughly into two groups—those who consider him biased and unscientific in his castigations of an entire people, and those who, while accepting his case against Germany's "black record," nevertheless contend that to make an issue of it will only make the German people fight to the last ditch.

You reviewer has gone through this book twice and has come to the conclusion that it is important that people in the United Nations be thoroughly familiar with the nature and history of German aggression. For unless they understand the thought-processes of German leadership and the tendency of the German people to applaud and follow that leadership, a "soft peace" will follow universal war-weariness and another blood-bath will be in the offing.

However one might disagree with some of Vansittart's conclusions, the fact remains to stare us in the face that only rigorous measures can direct German energy and ability into constructive channels. Mere defeat will not stop German militarism. For several centuries Germany has been trying to enlarge its domains at other people's expense. Nor is this just the imperialism of which every other leading nation has been guilty. No, it is something more than that. German expansionist policy is predicated on a philosophy of world-domination, a conviction of "racial superiority," a negation of the humanitarian concept of a brotherhood of all peoples, an out-and-out approval of slavery of "inferior" peoples to serve the needs of the Nordic. War is glorified as an end in itself, compromise and compassion are unworthy. Treaties and agreements are utilized only as weapons to leave other nations off guard and thus subject to quick conquest.

All this is the theme of Vansittart's indictment of a nation. The picture painted is not only one of Nazi-Hitler Germany, but of a Germany ever since the unification of the tribes into a state. It is the Germany of the Teutonic Knight inroads into Russia in the 12th century, the Germany of Charlemagne,

of the Fredericks, of Bismarck and Kaiser Bill and the Prussian brutalities in general. That there are many freedom-loving, high-minded, democracy-adhering Germans in no one can question. But the record is plain to see: The big majority of the German people are only too eager to back up wars of conquest if possible success is in sight, and murder, looting and arson doesn't trouble them—so long as they are the beneficiaries. They seem only too glad to exchange regimentation and boot-licking for swag.

Is Vansittart's book an overdrawn indictment and an unwarranted verdict? Read it for yourself. He is not an advocate of extermination or even dismemberment of the nation. He merely declares, that unless we understand the record, see the facts clearly and act accordingly, our children are going to have to fight Germany again. And, in this respect, he has done a superlative job. If righteous anger is splashed all over the pages of his book, he can be forgiven, for the colossal crime of the German gangsters in this war is nothing to be laughed aside. We in America have hardly felt the enormity of that crime, but the Russians, Poles, French, Dutch and Norwegians know it, and out of their hatred may come a better solution than could be devised by Americans who, after reading of the bodies of 10,000 Russian civilians stuffed down a mine shaft at Stalino—promptly order another cup of coffee and turn to the sporting green to see who won the fight last night!

—AL SESSIONS.

LACK OF PLANE PARTS BLAMED ON EMPLOYERS

Washington, D. C. Protection of selfish interests, bad planning and substandard wage schedules are chiefly responsible for the critical shortage of bearings which is keeping vital aircraft grounded, three CIO unions charged here recently.

Conditions in the bearing industry, now 10 months behind schedule in output, were brought to light at an all-day conference held by the United Auto Workers, United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers and United Steelworkers, representing 85 per cent of the industry's 80,000 workers. UAW Vice-Pres. Richard Frankenstein was chairman.

POEM OF THE WEEK

Let's Organize!

A stage driver passed o'er a trail one day;
Past meadow and woodland he took his way.
His long whip snapped with unerring aim,
Whether standing or moving, 'twas just the same.

A horsefly fell as his snaky lash
Shot out, as sure as the lightning's flash.
A grasshopper here and a butterfly there
Fell prey to his aim as they winged the air.

A hornet's nest hung on a limb nearby,
But the stage driver passed that carefully by.
"What's the matter?" his passenger cried, surprised.
"Why," he answered, "them hornets is organized!"

The horsefly (the butterfly, the grasshopper, too,
And their fate is a lesson and warning to you,
You will flutter and fall with the hoppers and flies
Unless, like the hornets, YOU'RE ORGANIZED!

GIGGLES AND GROANS

BEWARE THE BOLSHEVIK!

SENIOR: John, why do you keep on playing hockey? I've paddled you, the hockey cop has captured you and threatened to take you into juvenile court. I can't understand it. Now, honestly, why do you?

JUNIOR: Class hatred.

CAUSES OF DEATH

SUNDAY-SCHOOL TEACHER: Now let's talk of the causes of death of some famous Bible characters. What did Methuselah die of?

CLASS: Old age.

TEACHER: And Solomon?

CLASS: Too many wives.

TEACHER: And Queen Jezebel?

CLASS: Thrown out the top-story window.

TEACHER: And Absalom?

CLASS: No hair-cut.

TEACHER: And Samson?

CLASS: Fallen arches.

MAN-HANDLED

STUDENT—"Could one refer to Venus de Milo as the girl who got the breaks?"

ENGLISH LIBRARIAN—"Why not, may I ask? It's an 'armless joke.'"

THAT COWED HER

Country Maid: "Come outside, I want to show you my cute little calf."

City Salesman: "Er— isn't there enough light in the room?"

USEFUL MODEL

Harold Rogers: "I've brought the little lady a machine of her own."

Bill Jacobs: "Packard, Lincoln, Cadillac or Buick?"

Harold: "Maytag."

WHO CAN TELL?

Judge Beaumont: "Who made the first cotton gin?"

Pop Coughing: "Heavens! Are they making it from that, too?"

BACK TO NORMAL

The keeper of the local inn, which had a reputation for its very strong brew, was awakened at midnight by a loud knocking on the front door. Putting his head out of the window, he shouted:

"Go away. You can't have anything to drink at this hour."

"Who wants anything to drink?" was the response. "I left here at closing time without my crutches."

THEY SEPARATED

A hillbilly, seeing a motorcycle rider going along the road below the house (and never having seen an automobile or motorcycle before), grabbed his rifle and took a shot at it.

His wife called out: "Did you get the varmint, Zeke?"

"No," he said, "I didn't kill it. I can still hear it growling, but I sure made it turn that man loose."

TITILLATING TOPIC

Milt Young: "How many kinds of milk are there?"

Howard George (who sells milking machines): "Why, there's condensed milk, and evaporated milk, and—but why do you ask?"

Milt Young: "Well, I was drawing a picture of a cow, and I wanted to know how many faucets to put on her."

ITCHES AN ITCHES

Harry—What is a niche in a church?

Jerry—It's just the same as an itch anywhere else, only you can't scratch it as well.

SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED

Soldier (finding wasp in soup)—What's this?

Cook—Vitamin bee.

PUN IN THE THEATER

Bill—What's a drama critic?

Harry—A man who gives the best jeers of his life to the theater.

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

Old Lady—Oh, officer, I feel so funny.

Cop—Have you vertigo, ma'am?

Old Lady—Yes, about a mile.

MAYBE GOOD ADVICE!

In the congregation one Sunday morning was a young bride whose husband was an usher. Becoming terribly worried about having left the roast in the oven, she wrote a note to her husband, sending it to him by another usher. Her husband, thinking it was a notice for the pastor, hurried down the aisle and placed it on the pulpit. Stopping abruptly in the middle of his sermon to read the message, the astonished pastor was met with this injunction: "Please go home and turn off the gas."

True Love

There's the wonderful love of a beautiful maid

There's the love of a staunch true man

There's the love of a baby unafraid

All existed since time began.

But the most wonderful love—the love of all loves

Even greater than that of a mother

Is the infinite, tender, passionate love

Of one drunken pal for another.

STATE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN S. F. SESSION FIGHTS MOVE TO HAMSTRING LABOR

San Francisco, California.

(CFLNL) — Striking back furiously at the latest obnoxious effort to split wide open the unity behind our fighting front that is being pushed by notorious open-shoppers, meeting over the weekend in San Francisco the Executive Council adopted a resolution submitted by C. J. Haggerty, Secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, outlining immediate steps to be

unions within the next few weeks. The unions are asked to refer to this report for all information pertaining to this meeting.

Retail Clerks Flay 'Bracket Wage System'

San Francisco, Calif.

Protest against the "bracket system" in establishing wage scales, used by the war Labor Board, is registered in a resolution adopted by the California State Council of Retail Clerks, announces A. B. Crossler, secretary.

This system, it is pointed out, "made it impossible for a union to extend its long established wage scales to the employees in previously unorganized establishments, even when the employer agrees to the application of such long established standards." The resolution further declares that "the entire bracket system, with its minimums and maximums, lends itself to arbitrary and whimsical misinterpretation and is in no sense a proper basis for wage stabilization."

The State Council condemned the so-called bracket system of the 10th Regional Board as "anti-labor." Copies were ordered sent to the 10th Regional Board, National Board, International Association, AFL, State Federation and all central labor bodies, asking that similar protests be made.

Speak for Yourself

Chicago, Illinois

Nine soldiers in Italy wrote a letter to the Chicago Times denouncing the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom for advocating a delay in the second front.

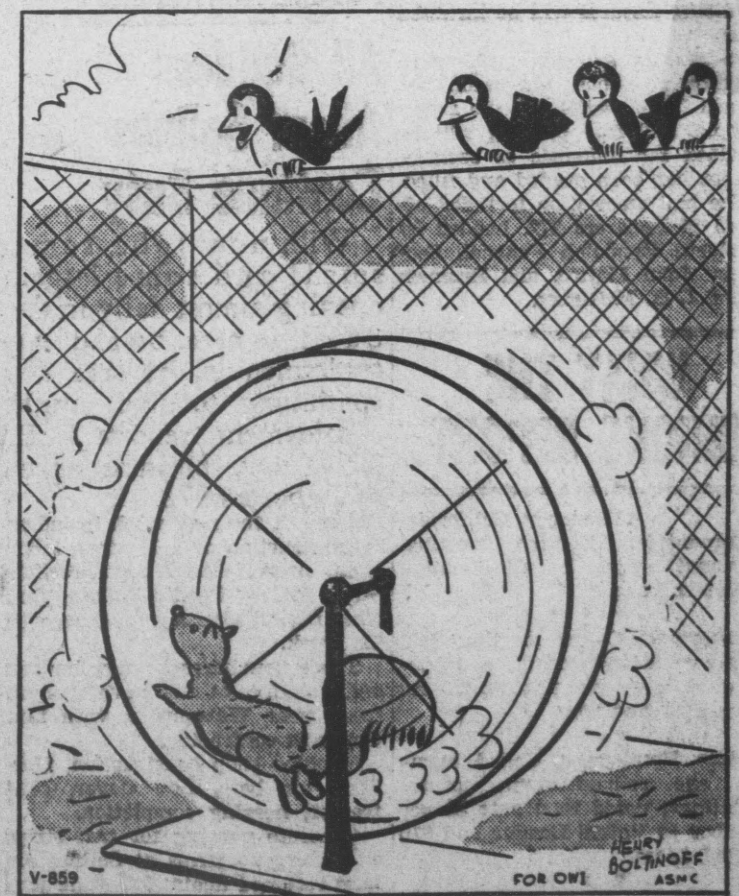
"To us boys, fighting here in Italy, the second front," they wrote, "means victory sooner and a chance to come home earlier."

Big Shot Soaked For Using Women Over Eight Hours

San Diego, California

Found guilty of employing two women as salesgirls at night after they had already worked eight hours during the same day in a local aircraft factory, a San Diego night club concessionaire was fined \$250 by a local court, announced John F. Dalton, State Labor Commissioner.

The complaint, which consisted of ten counts, alleged that the two girls had been employed on ten different days for five and six hours per day, which, added to the hours of their previous employment, totaled 13 to 14 hours.



"THAT, CHILDREN, IS WHAT I MEAN BY LABOR-TURNOVER: GETTING NO PLACE FAST!"

BLDG. TRADES COUNCIL MINUTES

(Continued from page 1)

Received the weekly news-letter from the California State Federation of Labor.

Received a letter from the California State Federation of Labor warning Labor NOT to sign any INITIATIVE PETITION until they are informed fully on the subject. To defeat the "RIGHT TO EMPLOYMENT."

From the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California several copies of the proposed State Initiative, "The Right to Employment." (Send copy to each Local Union.)

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Brother Ward read a report from the War Manpower Commission on the subject of Labor and Employment, states that it is so worded that it is hard to understand. The employers of this district calling for help will be sent workmen with the B. & C. T. C. clearance slip.

There are several fair size remodel jobs in progress and with the shortage of help makes it hard to man the job.

REPORTS OF UNIONS

Brother Falas, Electrical Workers No. 1072; held a good meeting and their committee reports their International wants Monterey and Salinas to affiliate together and take in San Luis and Paso Robles.

Brother Diaz reports for Plum-

bers No. 62. Lively meeting and voted to meet twice a month, the second and fourth Friday of each month.

Brother Ward reports for Brother Alsop, Sheet Metal Workers No. 302. Brother Alsop could not attend due to illness of his wife.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Brother Diaz reports on the Post-war Planning committee and states that he has sent in his resignation as a member of the Executive Council due to other conditions that take his time.

Good of the Council: Discussed post-war planning.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. Respectfully submitted,

L. T. LONG, Secretary.

Quiet Expansion of Co-ops Called Marvel Of Twentieth Century

Coffeyville, Kansas
"The marvel of the Twentieth century is the quiet, unheralded growth of the cooperative movement," Ralph Snyder, president of the Wichita Bank of Cooperatives, declared here recently at the dedication of the 71,000,000 gallons-a-year petroleum refinery purchased early in January by the Consumers Cooperative Association from the National Refining Company. The lubricating oil refinery with a capacity of 11,000,000 gallons a year, which was secured along with the gasoline refinery, is the first lube oil refinery in the world to be owned by the cooperatives. The co-ops will also operate the government-built high octane gasoline refinery near by.

International Meet to Probe Supply of Jobs

Philadelphia, Penn.

Delegates from at least 40 nations attending the conference called by the Intl. Labor Office here will be asked to indorse a code to govern the organization of employment in the transition from war to peace, ILO representatives announced.

Estimating that jobs will have to be found for more than 120 million persons as the war economy is dismantled, the ILO recommends that plans be made at once to maintain employment opportunities and "to bring together the available workers and the available jobs in an orderly manner."

Among the proposals are:

1. Collection of information on prospective labor supply and demand in each country.
2. Coordinated plans for the orderly demobilization and reintegration in civil life of members of the armed forces, with provision for the transfer of millions of workers from one job, industry, occupation or area to another.
3. National training programs geared to post-war needs, with vocational guidance made available to all.

4. Flexible public works programs planned in advance.
5. Provision for financial assistance for persons temporarily unemployed.

6. Well-developed and efficient employment machinery.

DEMobilization PLANS
Within the limits set by military requirements and with such factors as age and length of military service taken into account, the code recommends that governments consider making demobilization coincide with expanding employment.

WHAT PEACE DEPENDS ON

By TED FRIEND

There is one conviction which all those who go to Russia come back with. That is that the United States must learn to get along with the Soviets. Wendell Wilkie, the astute corporation lawyer, returned with the confirmed opinion that there can be no world peace unless and until the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union become a team for the maintenance of peace. Joseph E. Davies, former Ambassador to Russia, emphasized the importance of American-Soviet relations in his book "Mission to Moscow." Now Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, who can hardly be mistaken for a "leftist," insists that upon Anglo-American-Soviet unity depends the future peace of the world.

Rickenbacker, whose loyalty to the capitalist system cannot be questioned, has gone so far as to say, "Propaganda has been spread by people who don't even know the Russians. Russia and America and Britain together can preserve the peace; but put America and Britain together against Russia and you will force World War III."

Americans Don't Know What it is To Undergo War Suffering, Said

New York City

At the peak of wartime output, 1943, with the main strength of American machinery, raw material and manpower geared for war production, non-war production of consumer goods was only 8 per cent less than in the pre-war year 1939. Labor Research Association revealed in its March Economic Notes.

Non-war production in 1939 was \$87.2 billion. Last year non-war production was \$79.9 billion, only 8 per cent less. At the same time war production hit the peak of \$67 billion.

Consumers spent more than \$90 billion for goods and services last year, compared to \$61.7 billion in 1939.

CREATION OF SCIENTIFIC BUREAU ASKED BY WALLACE

Washington, D. C.

Vice-Pres. Henry A. Wallace in an article prepared here for Ammunition, United Auto Workers publication, threw his weight behind the Kilgore bill, S. 702, which would provide an overall government agency for the coordination of scientific research.

"The welfare and safety of our nation depends upon a rapid growth of our sciences and techniques," the vice-president wrote. "But it also requires that the scientific findings be used to the benefit of all sections of the nation."



This is 'Free Enterprise'

Destruction of food to maintain excessive prices has long been practiced by distributors, but rarely on the present scale.

Scores of carloads of fresh cabbage are rotting in Detroit because of excessive costs, it was revealed at a public meeting called in protest by the Greater Detroit Consumers' Council. Among delegates were representatives of organized labor, retailers, consumers and the Office of Price Administration.

"Unless action is taken immediately, not only cabbages, but potatoes, cauliflower, spinach and other commodities may experience the same fate that befell oranges, which were dumped by the ton recently in a similar situation," Charles C. Lockwood, Consumers' Council attorney, said.



By TED TAYLOR

In its annual spree of self-evaluation Hollywood decided (by ballot of the elite) that Casablanca (Warners) was the best picture made in 1943. When additional awards were announced for Michael Curtiz and the triumvirate of writers on this same picture, it was evident that the best picture is the product of the best direction of the best script. (Logical, too.)

Altogether Casablanca garnered three of the sculptured mannikins known as Oscars in the annual Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences sweepstakes.

(Many picture fans remember Casablanca as the first film to characterize the Nazi collaborationist who is ready to play ball our way. Claude Rains made him an amiable turncoat. Of course the picture was made before the event.)

The best acting by any man last year, Hollywood decided, was the anti-fascist hero played by Paul Lukas in Watch on the Rhine (Warners).

'This Land Is Mine' Slighted

At this moment you may decide that Hollywood's evaluations have at last become influenced by war issues. However, RKO's This Land Is Mine, clearest to state the case between fascism and democracy, was merely voted "OK for sound." It took the Oscar for recording.

The Skelton Rattles

THE WAG. Fresh from his army physical, MGM's Red Skelton arrived at the Academy Awards show escorted by four civilians. He introduced them as "my draft board."

AND WHAT WAGS! MGM will make a feature about the life of women in the army. It will show Lana Turner and Laraine Day as typical WACS.

BEST BET. Destination Tokyo (Warners). An exciting submarine adventure.

Whose Ox Is Gored Note

TROUBLE SAYER. Come April, you will pay 5c more for theater tickets that have been 55c or less, and 10c more from 60c to \$1.

Modern Version

Mary had a little lamb, Given by a friend to keep, It followed her around until It died from loss of sleep.

Union Shop for Carpenters is Upheld by WLB

Washington, D. C.

In line with its policy of not altering the degree of union security provided for in an expired collective bargaining agreement, the National War Labor Board directed that a union shop provision be included in the contract between the Chattanooga Sash and Millwork Co., Inc., Chattanooga, Tenn., and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners (AFL).

'Seein' Things'

When the National Association of Manufacturers puts the union label on its letterhead—

When Congressmen clamor for the floor to denounce labor-baiting employers—

When the daily newspapers declare that 50 cents wages are un-American—

When all union meetings start on time—

—you'll know you have had one drink too many!

Rickenbacker Proposes Dewey

New York City

Eddie Rickenbacker, notorious labor-hating World War I ace, told a group of big businessmen at a dinner here that the next President of the U. S. should be a man who will "think in terms of America first, in order that America will last." Then, clearing his throat, he spoke the name of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, favorite of Hoover Republicans.

After repeating his usual blast against organized labor and the Roosevelt administration, Rickenbacker shouted: "Now, if ever, the congress needs all the strength it can obtain. No citizen, no man or woman of good will, can fail to reach the conclusion, after reading the ominous news of the fight against congress, that its very existence is at stake."

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SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS UNION NO. 20616—President, Les Hutchings; Sec'y., E. M. Jones, 21-A Homestead, Salinas. Meets in Forrester's Hall, Salinas, 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30 P. M.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS AND AUTO TRUCK DRIVERS' UNION, LOCAL NO. 287—Meets first Wednesday in Oct., Jan., April, July at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., L. R. (Red) Carey secretary, Teamsters Hall, Salinas, phone 7590.

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS, LOCAL 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month 10 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres. Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., Phone Salinas 9795; Bus. Agent James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, Phone 2737-R; Rec. Sec. Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION No. 543—C. R. McCloskey, Salinas, Pres.; A. C. Davis, Sec.-Treas., 109 Prospect St., Watsonville. Meets last Sunday, alternating between Watsonville and Salinas.

UNITED SLATE, TILE & COMPOSITION ROOFERS, DAMP & WATERPROOF WORKERS ASSOCIATION 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 88 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres. Lloyd Lovett, 131 So. Branciforte, Santa Cruz; Sec. Frank Walker, 327, Alexander St., Salinas, Ph. 9668.

WAREHOUSE EMPLOYEES UNION, LOCAL 890—Meets first Tuesday night, Teamsters Hall; office at Teamsters Hall, John and Main St., Phone 4893; Pres. Chas. Ramey; Rec. Sec., Ray Ulbrich; Sec. Treas. and Bus. Rep., Peter A. Andrade.

Pegler Called 5th Columnist By Army Paper

Honolulu, Hawaii.
In barracks, bomb shelters and foxholes on the Pacific front, GI Joe have a word for Westbrook Pegler: "fifth columnist, not columnist."

Because Pegler's column had "been the subject of debate in many late evening bull sessions," the army newspaper Midpacifican, published by and for the soldiers of the Pacific area, sent its inquiring reporter into the field with the question, Does Pegler Promote Disunity? and devoted a page of the February 15 issue to the answers. "Westbrook Pegler is not a columnist but a fifth columnist," Pvt. Edward R. Porter of Richmond, Va., declared. "He is a spokesman for labor-baiters. The bold-face lies he constantly writes are for one purpose only: to turn the people against each other."

CLASSED WITH ENEMY
"Every man and woman in the service who is fighting fascism in Germany and Japan should know that he is also fighting our American fascists such as Pegler."

"I have no doubt that Pegler is trying to split and confuse the people. Ask any intelligent union man," said Pvt. Bert Balmer of Seattle, Wash. "Pegler follows the Hitler pattern. But he forgets most Americans are not Nazi-minded."

Pvt. William L. Lodge of Chicago declared: "Pegler never exposes the numerous anti-labor racketeering outfits run by American fascists. Why? Because anti-labor stuff put out by these outfits is sometimes used by Pegler's boss, who runs the Scripps-Howard newspapers. Divide and conquer is a principle which Pegler and his boss know how to put across."

"PARTNER OF GOEBBELS"
"If he was in Germany he'd be a partner of Dr. Goebbels," Pfc. Thomas C. Hughes of San Francisco told the reporter.

AFL Unions Ask President Call Off Proceeding Against Bridges

New York City
More than 40 AFL organizations have petitioned President Roosevelt to set aside the deportation order against President Harry Bridges of the International Longshoremen & Warehousemen's Union, the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born said recently. In addition to setting aside the order, Roosevelt is asked to dismiss all charges against Bridges and "afford him full opportunity to become a citizen of the U. S."

Among the organizations are a number of central bodies and locals of United Brotherhood of Carpenters, International Hod Carriers Building & Common Laborers Union, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, International Association of Machinists, Bakery & Confectionery Workers International Union and Brotherhood of Painters.

Army Order Scuttled By Clothing Makers

Clothing manufacturers are too busy piling up profits on civilian goods to make uniforms for men in the armed services. They so declared recently, when the War Department revealed, when it disclosed that it had tried unsuccessfully to get them to bid on army clothing.

The "sit-down" was met by mandatory orders to reluctant manufacturers. How the War Department expects to force compliance was not disclosed.

WANTED: ONE HUNDRED NEW CONGRESSMEN

New York City
What is needed in Washington is 100 new congressmen, the United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers says in its UE Guide to Political Action.

Question of how to get new congressmen, how to change the complexion of the senate and house of representatives, is answered in the 162-page book. And the answer is labor political activity.

This is one of the best jobs yet done by a union in the way of explaining the necessity for union participation in the political life of the nation, state and community.

"One of the reasons for going into political action is to help protect wage standards and settle shop problems," the guide declares. "The best way workers have today of settling their own grievances is by legislative and political action with government officials and agencies."

"By entering politics, labor will help to bring victory at the earliest possible moment."

Victory Nourishment



Members of Los Angeles Local 93, International Brotherhood of Teamsters (AFL), deliver war bonds along with milk and other dairy products. Above, union member William H. Kenaghy sells a bond to Mrs. W. A. Griffin. In a joint labor-management drive Local 93 sold more than \$1,000,000 in war bonds. (Photo courtesy of Southern California Teamster v. Federated Pictures)

He Probably Means 'Stink'

New Haven, Connecticut
This city's labor-baiting Rep. Ranulf Compton (R) recently called the AFL Central Labor Council "red" and members of the Yale University faculty "pink" for criticizing his voting record. Which led a reader of the CLU's Union Times to break out with this verse:

Labor is red, Yale is pink.
Oh, Mr. Congressman,
How you do think!

There's Danger Ahead! All Elements Of Inflation Present in American Setup Based on An Economy of Debt

By "OBSERVER"

Money based on debt is not sound currency. The history of paper promises to pay, used as money, records a long story of failure, inflation, bankruptcy, panics and even civil war.

Before 1929 the paper money of the United States was a promise to pay silver or gold. Federal Reserve bank notes had behind them commercial paper—mortgages on property, warehouse receipts, property in transit (acceptances), approved stocks and bonds. In other words, Federal Reserve notes represented real values—property which could be sold to redeem the notes.

(In China a paper dollar is now worth about one-half cent. In Germany after the last war it took a wheelbarrow load of marks to buy a loaf of bread.)

After the panic of 1929, when many billions of notes, including mortgage notes, were called, 10,000 banks had failed, bankruptcies rolled into the hundreds of thousands, and banks refused to loan to customers. The Federal Reserve banks almost entirely discontinued the issue of notes to members. Congress again made it legal to issue notes to holders of United States bonds. Here again, money based on debt without property back of it—no security except the government's power to pay collect taxes. Had there been civil war, had the people refused to pay taxes, the government would have been compelled to issue more and more paper money until it was worth no more than Continental currency in the time of the Revolutionary War in the 1770's. "Not worth a continental."

The banks can now buy bonds by simply giving the government credit on their books—without paying money. To a limited extent the banks can get the bonds for nothing—just loaning their credit. In ordinary times a bank could loan ten times as much as it had on hand. By law a bank is required to have in supposedly good securities forty per cent of its loans. But the reserves didn't prevent the wholesale closing of banks in the twenties and early thirties.

Banks have acquired bonds to such an amount that Federal Reserve notes have been issued so freely that the per capita currency is now more than three times as much as before the war.

The factors of inflation are all here—almost \$20 billion of money floating around, high wages, high profits, high taxes, scarce materials, high prices, black markets, mounting prices in all but rationed goods, shortage of labor, fortunes being invested in land and "trees" to escape income taxes, big-time racketeering, wholesale fraud.

Now, suppose that the war debt runs up to \$300 billion. That means \$7 billion in interest. An inflationary period will be followed by a panic, depression, or worse. How will we then feed the hungry and the jobless, and dig up \$7 billion besides?

Maybe Willkie was right in saying that federal taxes should be \$16 billion more than at present. Roosevelt has urged that profits be kept low on war contracts, salaries be kept low and taxes high. Congress has thwarted him in these policies.

There is danger ahead. Working people in particular should pay their debts, not go in debt, be economical in every possible way. If they owe on their homes, and mortgage holders will not accept advance payments, money for future payments should go into insured banks or bonds—enough to pay out on the home.

'Hot Food' and 'Hot Foot'

Back in the days when longshoremen were organizing, it was always said that if there were any surprises left, dockworkers would pull them out of the bag.

So no one was amazed here recently when The Labor Herald appeared with a story from San Pedro saying: "Hot foot at midday is an order of the day for longshoremen here."

The story said that this was assured after an "unusually productive conference," which nobody can deny. It turned out, however, that hot foot was a typographical error for hot food and that, though the boys' feet may be cold, the lunches are warm.

Lawyers Guild Rips Dies for Gestapo Policy

Washington, D. C.
The Dies committee's "conspiracy" against the war policies of the administration and the United Nations must be halted at once, the Natl. Lawyers Guild declared in a letter to members of the house last week.

In an analysis of the committee's activities within the last year, the Guild said they reflect "the desires and aims of a reactionary and divisive group in Congress—the Negro baiters, the anti-Semites, the enemies of national unity—whose objective is the destruction of the war aims of the United Nations." "PARTISAN INSTRUMENT"

Charging that the Dies committee "has not functioned as an arm of Congress but as a partisan instrument for political purposes," the Guild cited Dies' half-hearted gestures at investigating American fascists and contrasted them with his enthusiastic smear reports on the War Relocation Authority and so-called subversive activities of government workers.

The committee's recent report on the Peace Now movement was "guilty of wilful deception" in neglecting to show its link with America First and the leaders of large pacifist organizations, the Guild said. "A movement attracting this kind of support can be called innocuous only as the result of a deliberate intention to divert attention from it, leaving it free to operate," it declared.

Turning to Dies' current probe of the CIO political action committee, the Guild termed his illegal effort to seize the books and accounts of that organization a "Gestapo technique."

LABOR BOARD STOPS 'FREE PRESS' BUNK

Washington, D. C.
A union-busting attempt decked out as a defense of freedom of the press has been stymied by the National War Labor Board in a decision awarding a maintenance of membership clause to Local 16, American Newspaper Guild in its contract with the Harrisburg Patriot, Harrisburg, Pa.

The majority opinion was written by WLB Chairman William H. Davis, and concurred in by labor members in a separate opinion. The four industry members wrote a dissenting opinion.

Answering the publishers' argument that a maintenance of membership order by WLB would violate freedom of the press, Davis cited a clause in the ANG constitution providing that no one shall be excluded from membership and no member shall be penalized because of his religious or political convictions or because of anything he writes for publication.

Profiteering Hikes Nation's Drink Bill

It cost Americans more than \$6,000,000,000 to "wet their whistle" last year, or 17 per cent more than in 1942, and 80 per cent above 1939. The larger bill was not because they drank more, but because they were forced to pay higher prices for "booze."

The Department of Commerce, in reporting these figures estimated that the per capita expenditure for hard liquor was \$46, or nearly 7 cents of every dollar spent for goods and services of all kinds. Consumption of whiskey was 74,000,000 gallons, or 14,000,000 gallons less than in 1942.

Curran Declares Scare Yarns on Ship Crack-Ups Largely Hokum

Washington, D. C.
Newspaper "scare" stories on alleged mass crackups of Liberty merchant ships were dismissed as untrue by President Joseph Curran of the National Maritime Union recently in testimony before the Truman committee.

Asserting that the Liberty ships, commonly called Ugly Ducklings, "are and have been doing a marvelous job in the work for which they have been built," Curran said:

"The percentage of loss through crackup of these Liberty ships against the percentage built is so small as to suggest there might be some political significance behind this sudden attack. The lives of soldiers, sailors and merchant seamen, and the production and delivery of the weapons for victory, should not be toyed with for political motives."

Southern School Urged to Open Doors to Negro

Washington, D. C.
Southern schools and colleges were urged to open their doors to Negroes, in a series of recommendations made here in a 4-volume report published by the U. S. Office of Education.
An exhaustive study of educational opportunities available to Negroes, the report emphasized that restricted facilities for the Negro has resulted in a great loss of manpower for both the armed services and wartime industry.

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